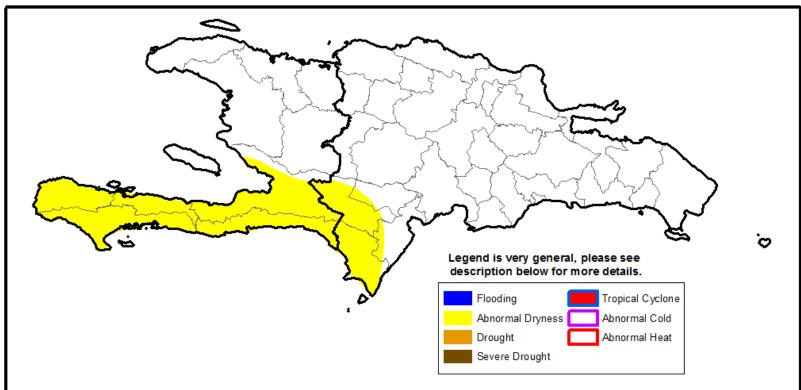


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook October 9 – October 15, 2014

Dry weather forecast to continue over Hispaniola during the next outlook period.



Hispaniola experienced a decrease in rainfall during the past seven days as most areas received little to no rainfall except portions of central Haiti and western Dominican Republic, where light rains were recorded. During September, some enhancement in rainfall returned over the central parts of Haiti extending into portions of the southern Peninsula of the country and neighboring western Dominican Republic. This brought moisture surpluses across these areas. However, much of southern Hispaniola recorded below-average rains, with deficits ranging between 20 and 100 mm, which were associated with an irregular spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall during the past month. Since the beginning of the second rainy season, cumulative rainfall has indicated seasonal deficits up to 300 mm over the southern departments of Haiti, while elsewhere on the Island received near-average rains. For next week, dry weather is expected to continue over Hispaniola, with little to light rains (< 20 mm) across much of Hispaniola, except localized areas of the Sud Est department of Haiti and central Dominican Republic, where moderate showers are possible. The return of dry conditions could deplete soil moisture further and potentially negatively impact crop development over many local areas.